

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2002-344

August 20, 2004

RCC MINNESOTA, INC.
Request For Designation As Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On May 13, 2003, the Commission issued an Order designating RCC Minnesota, Inc. (RCC)¹ as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TelAct) and Section 54.201 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.201. *RCC Minnesota Inc., Request for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Docket No. 2002-344 (May 13, 2003). In order for RCC to continue to receive universal service funds, the Commission must certify to the FCC that RCC will use the monies it receives in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314, i.e., that the monies will be used "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended."

On August 10, 2004, RCC submitted the attached letter describing how RCC has used its USF monies in the past and what it plans to do over the coming year. RCC asked that we provide the necessary certification to the FCC. We have reviewed RCC's submission and it appears that RCC has used, and will use, its funds appropriately. Before we certify RCC to the FCC, we invite all interested parties to submit comments concerning RCC's compliance the federal requirements relating to use of USF monies. Comments should be filed no later than **September 1, 2004**. Any party alleging RCC has not complied with federal law, should provide a detailed explanation of its position with citation to relevant statutes and caselaw.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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¹RCC does business in Maine as Unicel.